

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

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U.S. District Court
Middle District of TN

DEMRY CROFT

Plaintiff,

v.

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Defendant.

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CASE NO: 3:22-cv-01026

Judge Eli Richardson

Magistrate Judge Barbara Holmes

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO REOPEN CASE

Plaintiff, Demry Croft hereby motions this court to reopen his case. In support hereof,

Plaintiff states as follows:

1. Plaintiff is currently proceeding pro se.
2. Plaintiff's previous counsel of record abruptly withdrew without conducting any discovery on Plaintiff's behalf (Document 43).
3. Plaintiff has complied with Defendant's discovery requests by submitting responses to Defendant's First Set of Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents on March 12, 2024.
4. Plaintiff served his First Set of Interrogatories upon Defendant on March 25, 2024 and said discovery is still outstanding.
5. Defendant has not provided any discovery since this court administratively stayed the case on February 29, 2024 to allow the parties to attempt a resolution (Document 52).

6. The parties submitted a Joint Status Resolution Report on April 19, 2024
(Document 53).
7. The parties were unable to reach a resolution as of April 19, 2024.
8. Plaintiff made a good faith attempt. However, Plaintiff was forced to proceed with
the negotiations without any discovery from the Defendant.
9. This court has previously stated that enough discovery should be exchanged to
allow substantive negotiations between the parties (Document 38).
10. Plaintiff is entitled to discovery from Defendant in order to effectively negotiate
and/or proceed with his case.
11. Plaintiff is unable to successfully proceed or defend his case without receiving
discovery from Defendant.
12. Plaintiff is in discussions with attorneys that are evaluating his case but need to
review all discovery in order to determine whether they will represent Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff asks this court to reopen the case to:

- A. Allow discovery between the parties to proceed;
- B. For such further relief deemed appropriate by this court.

Demry Croft

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May 4, 2024

Date

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